**MCH Needs Assessment Focus Groups**

The Mississippi State Department of Health is leading a statewide **Needs Assessment** for the **Title V Maternal and Child Health Program**.

The Needs Assessment will help the MSDH develop a plan to improve the health of women, children, adolescents, and families across the state and ensure they are able to reach their fullest potential.

Focus Groups are being held across the state with individuals and family members over 18 years of age who live in Mississippi.

During the Focus Group, you will be asked to identify your and your family’s health **needs**,any **barriers** to health you havefaced, and any **resources or supports** that have helped you and your family be healthier. For this meeting:

* **Health** is defined as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, not just being free of disease or sickness
* **Health Need** is defined as an underlying health problem/concern to be addressed (e.g., *poor nutrition, physical health conditions, mental health conditions*)
* **Health Barrier** is defined as something that prevents a health need from being addressed (e.g., *lack of insurance, lack of providers, transportation issues*)
* **Health Resources/Supports** can include something you already have in your community that is going well, something that supports positive health, or resources you or your family use to support or improve your health. (e.g., *supportive family, affordable housing, health information*)

Responses will be used to identify priorities and ways to improve public health in Mississippi over the next five years.

All attendees will receive a $10 gift card for participating.

We appreciate your time and effort in helping the MSDH create a healthier future for mothers, children, and families throughout Mississippi!

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Data Collection** |
| **Nov. 11** | **11:00-12:00** | **Greenville Higher Education Center**  1134 Archer Range Road  Greenville, MS 38701 |
| **Nov. 11** | **3:00-4:00** | **Homewood Suites by Hilton Jackson Fondren Medical District**  2815 North State Street  Jackson, MS 39216 |
| **Nov. 12** | **11:00-12:00** | **de l’Epee Deaf Center**  1450 North St.  Gulfport, MS 39507 |
| **Nov. 12** | **3:00-4:00** | **Library of Hattiesburg Petal & Forrest County**  329 Hardy St  Hattiesburg, MS 39401 |
| **Nov. 13** | **12:30-1:30** | **Lee County Library**  219 N Madison St  Tupelo, MS 38804 |